(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में स्थिति सुधारने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह): (क) विगत दो वर्षों के दौरान म्यांमार के साथ भारत के सम्बन्धों में उल्लेखनीय सुधार हुआ है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ग) म्यांमार जैसे पड़ोसी देश के साथ सरकार दोस्ताना सम्बन्ध बनाये रखने के प्रति बचनबद्ध है तथा इस उद्देश्य के लिए आवश्यक उपाय जारी रखेगी।

ISI Activities Through Bangladesh

243. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal Bangladeshi intruders on a large scale are entering India and ISI activities against India taking place through Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have lodged any protest on this matter with Bangladesh Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the effective measures Government intend to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The issue was discussed with the Bangladesh Authorities during the Home Secretary's visit to that country in October, 1993. They were advised to cease promptly and effectively Pak ISI activity against India from Bangladesh in the interest of our friendly relations. It has been decided to set up a Joint Working Group (JWG) comprising representatives of both the countries to examine, in depth, all outstanding issues and to recommend practical measures for resolving them.

Agreement with Myanmar

244. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently signed an agreement with Myanmar for checking insurgency, smuggling and drug trafficking in the North-East Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b). India and Myanmar signed an agreement on mutual cooperation in controlling drug trafficking across the Indo-Myanmar border, on March 30, 1993. The Agreement has been signed with a view to arranging exchange of information, and to forge cooperation with Myanmar to combat illicit trafficking in drugs.

Besides. India and Myanmar, on January 21, 1994, signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at curbing trans-border movement of insurgents as well as narco-traffickers.

Follow-up action on the above issues was discussed during Home Secretary's visit to Myanmar from February 2—4, 1994.

Position of Passports in the State of Punjab

245. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of passport offices in the country particularly in the State of Punjab as on 31st December, 1993;

(b) what is the number of passports issued by Passport Offices during 1993 in the country particularly in the State of Punjab, State-wise and Office-wise.

(c) the time taken in regard to issue of a passport Particularly in Punjab during 1992 and 1993;

(d) what is the number of passports